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# You Live, You Learn: Leadership and Professional Development for the Instruction Librarian

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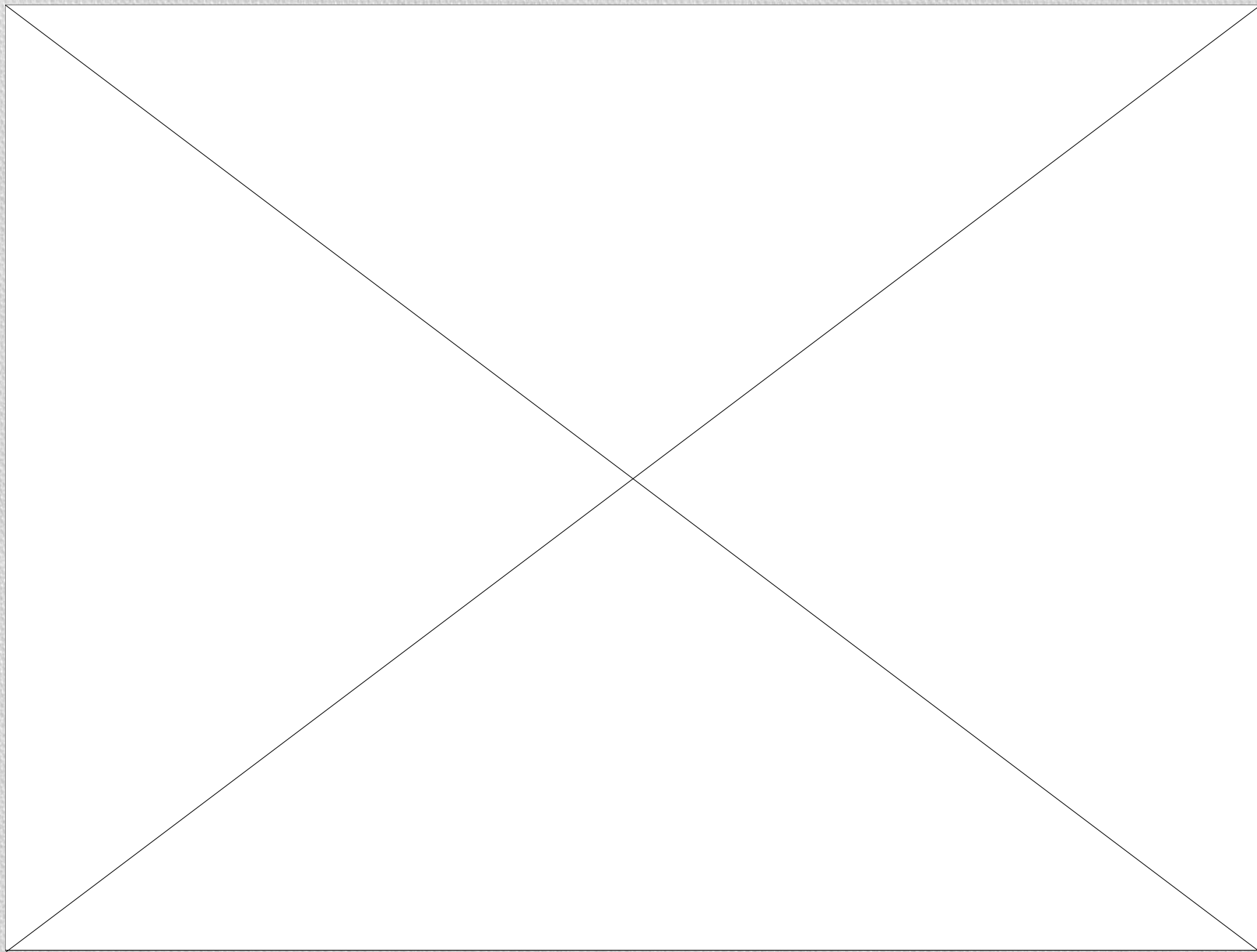
# Who are we?

## Amy Harris Houk

- Information Literacy Program Coordinator, UNCG
- Supervise one staff member who helps with instruction
- 9 other librarians do instruction as part of their liaison duties
- Approximately 600 sessions per year

## Kathy Shields

- Head of Reference and Instruction, High Point University
- Not a direct supervisor
- Have 3 other librarians who do instruction, but no true instruction staff
- Approximately 200-225 sessions per year





# Overview

- Leadership
  - Tips from the Trenches
  - Challenges
  - What We've Done
  - Ways to Train
- Professional Development
  - Our Favorite Resources
- Discussion!





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# LEADERSHIP



# Tips from the Trenches

- Build relationships
- Buy-in is essential
- Communicate (the Goldilocks rule)
- Advocate for your program

We are all leaders!





# Challenges

- Leading from the side
- Competing priorities
- Doing more with less
- Generational differences





# What we've done

- UNCG:
  - Monthly workshops (sometimes)
  - Sandbox sessions
  - Updates at Reference meetings
  - Drop-in consults
- HPU:
  - Workshops in conjunction with staff meetings (sporadically)
  - LibGuide on Information Literacy
  - Individual consults with new librarians




# Ways to train

- Teaching Practice
  - Observation
  - Co-teaching
- Workshops
  - Formal
  - Informal
- Online
- One-on-one consultations





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How can instruction  
coordinators best  
support teaching  
librarians?





# PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT




# How do you keep up?

- Make it part of the routine
- Pick and choose
- Technology is your friend (RSS, Twitter, etc.)
- Build a network





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What are your tips for  
keeping up with current  
trends in  
teaching/information  
literacy?



# Our Favorite Resources

## Listservs

- ILI-I
- INFOLIT
- EMLIBS
- ACRL FYE

## Blogs/Websites

- Project Information Literacy
- ACRLLog
- Info-mational (Char Booth)
- ProfHacker (CHE)
- The Unquiet Library (Buffy Hamilton)
- Train Station (NC State Library)
- TED Talks



# Our Favorite Resources

## Conferences

- This one (of course!)
- LOEX
- Lilly Conference on College and University Teaching
- ACRL
- Immersion (not really a conference)
- Georgia Conference on Information Literacy
- Elon's Teaching and Learning Conference (August)

## Organizations

- NC BIG (NCLA)
- LIRT (ALA)
- IS (ACRL)



# Our Favorite Resources


## Books

- Classroom Assessment Techniques (Angelo and Cross)
- Anything by Joanna Burkhardt
- Anything by Maryellen Weimer
- Reflective Teaching, Effective Learning (Char Booth)

## Journals/Articles

- Communications in Information Literacy
- “Heart of a Teacher” by Parker Palmer
- RUSQ
- College and Research Libraries News
- Hybrid Pedagogy



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What resources have  
you found most  
effective for  
professional  
development in  
information literacy?



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QUESTIONS?  
COMMENTS?

THANK YOU FOR  
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